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Title: **COUPLING OF CONDUCTIVE VIAS TO COMPLEX POWER-SIGNAL
SUBSTRUCTURES** *9006/117/03
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Sir:

**RESTRICTION ELECTION, SPECIES ELECTION
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction mailed May 21, 2003, and includes
a Preliminary Amendment.

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RESTRICTION ELECTION

Applicant contend that the claims in Groups I and II are: Group I (claims 1-27 drawn to a method) and Group II (claims 28-65 drawn to a structure). Claims 25-27 are drawn to a method and should not have been placed in Group II by the Examiner. Claim 65 is drawn to a structure in light of the amendment of claim 65 herein; thus, claim 65 belongs in Group II.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, claims 28-65, drawn to a structure, classified in class 174, subclass 61. This election is made with traverse, and Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application in connection with unelected claims 1-24, drawn to a method.

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-65 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Should the Examiner require or request anything further from Applicants prior to examination, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below. Otherwise, Applicants request early and favorable examination on the merits.

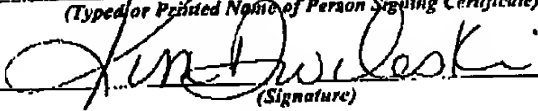
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION WITH SPECIES ELECTION

In response to the species restriction requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the Species VII: Figure 7, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the species of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Claims 28-31, 33, 35-44, 50-54, 56, and 58-65 read on the elected species. Claim 28 is generic to claims 29-31, 33, 35-41, and 48. Claim 42 is generic to claims 43, 44, and 49. Claim 50 is generic to claims 51-54, 56, and 58-65.

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